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III MAF PASS INFO ROUTINE 124 TO POLAD FRANCIS

C REF: HUE 181

R SUBJECT: VC ANTI-NCA ELECTION AVTIVITY

C 1. AFTER INITIAL RESPITE DURING FIRST FOUR DAYS OF SEPTEMBER IN WHICH THERE WERE NO REPORTED VC INCIDENTS, DURING SECOND FOUR DAYS THERE WERE 21 INCIDENTS, ALL OF WHICH CAN BE CONSIDERED AS HAVING ANTI-ELECTION NATURE. DURING LAST 3 DAYS SUCH INCIDENTS HAVE INCLUDED ASSASSINATION OF TWO HAMLET CHIEFS--ONE IN PHONG DIEN DISTRICT AND ONE IN HUONG THUY DISTRICT NEAR PHU BAI.

2. MANY INCIDENTS OF SEIZURE OF ID AND VOTER'S CARDS HAVE BEEN REPORTED. BUT SO FAR NO LAR CONTACTS HAVE BEEN MADE. ESTIMATE

PAGE TWO RUMJIR 5723 C O N F I D E N T I A L
SEEMS TO BE THAT VC WILL TRY AT LEAST ONE LARGE, HIGH PROPAGANDA VALUE MOVE DURING THE LAST NIGHT AND DAY BEFORE ELECTION. SUCH ACTIONS COULD INCLUDE SOME ACTION AGAINST HUE CITY ITSELF, AGAINST A DISTRICT TOWN--PARTICULARLY PHONG DIEN, OR AGAINST PK-17, A LARGE ARVN CAMP NORTH OF HUE.

3. [redacted] FEELS THAT DURING LAST NIGHT BEFORE ELECTION VC WILL ATTEMPT TO DESTROY SEVERAL VOTING SITES IN EFFORT TO INTIMIDATE VOTERS. ALSO STATES THAT TENSE PERIOD WILL NOT END UNTIL NATIONAL CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ACTUALLY MEETS, BECAUSE SOME ATTEMPT MAY BE MADE ON SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES IN FURTHER EFFORT TO DISRUPT ASSEMBLY. POLICY CONTINUE ACTIVE IN NIGHTLY OPERATIONS AGAINST VC AGENTS IN CITY. IN LAST NIGHT OPERATIONS PICKED UP 10 OR 12 FIRM SUSPECTS.

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4. COMMENT: NIGHT SEPTEMBER 11 MOST CRITICAL TIME. [redacted] FEELS THAT BY 0900 ELECTION DAY IF NO SERIOUS INCIDENT OCCURS, PEOPLE WILL VOTE AND ELECTION WILL BE A SUCCESS. THIS APPRAISAL SEEMS VALID AND QUESTION SEEMS TO HINGE ON HOW EFFECTIVELY VC CARRY OFF ANY SUCH EFFORT. [redacted] INDICATE VC HAVE ADEQUATE STRENGTH IN PROVINCE TO DISRUPT ELECTIONS SERIOUSLY IN ANY AREA THEY WISH IF WILLING TO PAY PRICE.

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